**Walter Prynne**

* Prynne, Henry Burton and John Bastwick had all been imprisoned because of their vigorous objections to decorations of the Church.
* Prynne had been jailed for attacking the wickedness of stage plays, calling all women actresses “notorious whores” – a sideways attack at the Queen
* He had also criticized bishops
* All 3 of the men had been sentenced to have their ears “cropped” – while standing in a pillory their ear would be cut off.
* Others thought Prynne should also have his forehead branded with S & L (seditious libel) and his nose slit.
* Supporters commented on Prynne’s bravery, so he continued denouncing bishops, but suffered again as the remaining stumps of his ears were cut off and both cheeks burned with S & L. (Prynne claimed it stood for ***stigmata laudis*** - the mark of praise, or alternatively, the **Sign of Laud**
* The hangman who cut his ears hacked savagely at his ears, purportedly because Prynne promised him 5 shillings if he was treated well, but only gave him five sixpence.
* Onlookers and the general public were generally impressed with the courage of all 3 men, and sided with them.

**Power to our People!**

**Are ye tired of the King’s taxes?**

**Don’t wish to feed and board his soldiers who are sent to kill you?**

**Broke from tonnage & poundage?**



**Then take up arms and REVOLT!**

**Support parliament’s right to meet and determine the future of all England’s Godly people.**

**Rid England of the Catholic scourge – Henrietta Maria!**

**Meet in the village square at dawn on Saturday.**